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**IFT Committee – March 13, 2023
 Minutes**

Meeting begins at 0932 (Virtually via Zoom)

Attendees

Committee Members:

Rick Petrie, Steve Leach, Chip Getchell, Mike Choate, Dr. Pete Tilney, Chris Pare
(Committee Members Absent: Dr. Matt Sholl, Tim Beals, Dr. Corey Cole)

Stakeholders:

Bill Cyr, John Lennon, Joe Brichetto, AJ Gagnon

Maine EMS Staff:

Marc Minkler, Jason Oko, Darren Davis, Soliana Goldrich, Melissa Adams, Anna Massefski, Jason Cooney

A quorum is present.

Introductions

Petrie continues as acting chair, calls meeting to order.

The Maine EMS Mission Statement is read by Petrie.

“The mission of Maine EMS is to promote and provide for a comprehensive and effective Emergency Medical Services system to ensure optimum patient care with standards for all providers. All members of this board should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this Board, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”

Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from February 13, 2023, by Tilney, second by Choate. Unanimous. Minutes approved.

Additions to Meeting Agenda

None

Old Business

1. IFT Decision Tree

- a. Tilney has finalized a draft to be presented to MDPB March 15, a “pre-reading” copy with be forthcoming to the IFT Committee for feedback. Specific asks for feedback will include concepts of:

- i. Medications

- Excellence
- Support
- Collaboration
- Integrity
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- ii. Procedures
 - b. Petrie asks Tilney to define if PIFT is protocols or not. He feels that it is more guidelines and training but not protocols.
 - c. Discussion on protocol vs guideline and what that means and who oversees this – Board or MDPB. Scope of practice discussed and what is allowed at national level. More and deeper discussion may be valuable.
2. Transport of patients receiving blood
- a. Choate states he does not have an update but reminds that it is within the national scope of practice for paramedics.
 - b. Tilney states that this is not part of the IFT decision tree discussion at this time
 - i. Tilney asks if this is the purview of Board of Nursing – Petrie feels it was challenging in previous discussions but that it was some time ago
3. Delays on scene
- a. Oko presents on data of EMS transport delays – MEFIRS requires an entry if on-scene time exceeds 30 minutes

Delay Reason	Count of Delay Reasons	Percent
None/No Delay	16031	74.3%
Sending Facility Paperwork	1866	8.6%
On-Scene Treatment > 20 min	1169	5.4%
Other	1139	5.3%
Non-EMS Staff Delay	988	4.6%
Patient Access	136	0.6%
NULL	58	0.3%
Mechanical Issue-Unit, Equipment, etc.	39	0.2%
Safety-Patient	30	0.1%
Awaiting Transporting EMS Agency Arrival	28	0.1%
Patient indecisiveness	26	0.1%
Extrication	20	0.1%
Directions/Unable to Locate	19	0.1%
Weather	8	0.0%
Awaiting Air Unit	7	0.0%
Safety-Crew/Staging	6	0.0%
Traffic	4	0.0%
HazMat	4	0.0%
Vehicle Failure of this Unit	3	0.0%
Law Enforcement Assistance Required	3	0.0%
Crowd	2	0.0%
Language Barrier	2	0.0%
Triage/Multiple Patients	1	0.0%
Grand Total	21589	100.0%

- b. Getchell feels that hospital should also provide data on their side of delays and how that compares to EMS
- c. Petrie will ask for more insight from the Data Committee at the March 15 meeting
- d. Getchell also states challenges of EMS documenting full crew configuration to include hospital staff

4. Maine Hospital Association (MHA) Discussion
 - a. Petrie reached out to MHA for participation, they were unable to attend today but will look at future meeting date/times
5. Petrie would like to establish goals of the committee beyond just gathering information
 - a. Discussion of whether Board should be involved in defining this, Leach/Getchell feel we should not be going to Board asking for help, and that the committee can define it's work and present to the board as needed

New Business

1. None

Next Meeting To Do's

1. Petrie will reach out to MHA for possible attendance
2. Petrie will meet with Data Committee March 15, 2023

Adjourn

Motion by Getchell, to adjourn, 2nd by Leach, no objections.

Meeting adjourned at 1022.

Next meeting is April 10, 2023, from 0930 to 1100

Minutes recorded by Marc Minkler